
The End of the War by Walter Edward Weyl

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NOTES AND REVIEWS

The End of the War. By WALTER EDWARD WEYL. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1918. 323 pages.

The book is an appeal to America to assume leadership in diplomacy, to eliminate imperialistic elements from the demands of our Allies, and to attempt a settlement based on internationalism.

Mr. Weyl reviews our spirit of pacifism in the early days of the war; the conversion of America; the real spirit of our war against militarism; the attitude of French, English, Italian imperialists for spoiling the enemy; the sacred egoism of Italy in her hopes of expansion and conquest; the position of America as the great arbiter among the nations; the need of unification and crystallization of a mass of diverse elements in the various countries; the war beneath the war in Russia; the identity of the German people and the German Government as opponents of democracy; the impossibility of a return to the status quo; the failure of most of the "guaranties" entered into by diplomats before the war; the formation of a Grand Alliance based upon the principles of internationalism with special reference to economic and trade relations after the war. Among the obstacles to internationalism Mr. Weyl mentions the State Idea, which would suppress nationalities and the Nationality Idea which would dissolve states.

The book closes with a chapter relating to the Peace Conference and the conditions following it. After this war all nations must avoid becoming imperialistic again. All great industries must be nationalized. "The final war for democracy will begin after the war. It will be a wider conflict than that which now rages and the alignment will be by classes and interests rather than by nations. It will be a war which will be waged until separate interests within each nation are completely extinguished;" only then will the world have been made safe for democracy.

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Court and Diplomacy in Austria and Germany. What I Know.
By COUNTESS OLGA LEUTRUM. Fisher Unwin, London,
Adelph Terrace, 1918. 287 pp.

The book is addressed especially to the Russians for whom Countess Leutrum had inherited from her mother a deep admiration. She also thinks that of all the Allies "Russia most needs